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WSP Aircraft Helps Nab Extreme Speeders

Drivers who chose to drive at extreme reckless speeds on Interstate 5 in Snohomish County on Sunday found they had no place to hide. Washington State Patrol troopers working in tandem with the WSP aircraft were out in force targeting aggressive drivers on I-5 in north Snohomish County. In a two-hour period, 19 vehicles were stopped. Nine of those vehicles were going over 90 mph, and two of those vehicles were stopped for going 102 mph and 103 mph. Seven of the drivers were cited for negligent driving and two for reckless driving.

“As an agency, we will continue to aggressively target this type of driving behavior,” Captain James Lever stated. “We will use all of our resources to combat this type of reckless dangerous behavior. These drivers not only place their own lives at risk, but the lives of all the other motorists that are on the road with them.”

For the last few months, troopers in Snohomish County have been working closing with the Aviation Division to target aggressive drivers and extreme speed on I-5 in north Snohomish County. The aircraft is an invaluable tool, due to the fact that the aggressive drivers have no warning prior to getting stopped. Radar detectors are useless against the aircraft.

“We will continue to address the problem of aggressive drivers. The aircraft is an outstanding and effective tool that we will continue to use.”

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